

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
IN BOARD OF FF PERSONNEL STANDARDS & EDUCATION
WAYNE TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT
700 N. HIGH SCHOOL RD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46214
MARCH 3, 2003**

A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the IN Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education convened at 10:05 a.m. with Chairperson Paul Covington presiding.

a. The following Board members were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright
Paul Covington
Patrick Donoghue
Charles (Don) Hall
Thomas Hanify
Jack Kerney
Tom Loraine
Jerry Nulliner

b. The following Board members were absent:

Bernice Clark
Patrick Ralston
Darrick Scott

c. Also present:

Michael Schuerman, Ft. Wayne F.D.
James Schneider, TO, PSTI
Randy Wood, TO, PSTI
Ivan Nevil, Fire Administrator
Mara Snyder, Counsel
Marilyn Burgess, PSTI

B. Roll Call was taken with a quorum of eight

C. Minutes of January, 2003 Regular Board Meeting; Monthly statistical report for December, 2002 and January, 2003.

a. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the January, 2003 minutes as printed and distributed. Charles Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Tom Hanify made a motion to approve the December, 2002 and January 2003 statistical reports as printed and distributed. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals

a. **Brenda Kendrick**, an employee of the Department of Fire and Building Services, as

the education Coordinator, requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-12 Inspector I and 655 IAC 1-2.1-13 Inspector II. She has successfully passed the practical skills and written test for both levels of certification. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the variance on staff recommendation. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Patrick R. Ralston, Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

No report at this time

F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright

The Fire Chief's Orientation presentations are completed for this year.

FDIC Convention is March 31 - April 3, 2003.

House Bill #1106 - This bill sponsored by Jim Bottorff strikes out the 24 Hours from the Mandatory training for Firefighters and now reads Basic Training for full time and volunteer firefighters and must include successful completion of an instruction course on personal vehicle response driving safety in addition to the skills already in place. Bill passed out of committee 13 - 0.

Marshal Boatwright stated that he, Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Bigler and Molly Reynolds will be going to Anniston, Alabama next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for a counter-terrorism workshop.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

The FEMA Fire Grant workshops have been completed at Kendallville, Muncie, Rensselaer, Madison and Oakland City. There will be workshops held at Oolitic March 4, White River Twp. March 5, Coalmont/Lewistown and Corydon on March 8, and the final one at Valparaiso on March 14.

The task force has been meeting once a month on NFPA #1670 and #1006. #1670 is the certification level for organizations. Awareness and Operations levels from #1670 is being combined into individual certifications on the rescue standards which falls under #1006. The awareness curriculum is done, there are no skills, but there will be a written test. For the operations level a lot of the skills are being pulled out of the Technician course and also the old BERT program is being looked at for skills that are applicable and can be tied to the NFPA standards. There will be a written and practical test for operations level.

The task force consists of members of special operations in the state who want approval on the Instructors that teach the course. This discussion will be put on the agenda for the April 7, Board meeting.

H. Administrative Proceedings

There were none at this time

I. Old Business

a. IFSAC - Paul Covington stated January, 2004 is Indiana's reaccreditation site visit

from IFSAC. IFSAC Conference will be April 8-12 Paul Covington, Ivan Nevil and Jim Schneider will be in Portland, Oregon for the IFSAC Conference. The state of Delaware is requesting IFSAC accreditation at this year's conference. March 10-14 Paul will be in Mississippi for a site visit. Indiana will be host for the conference in 2005 at the Adams Mark.

b. Proposed Rules - Mara Snyder - This item was tabled at this time.

c. Legislative Update - Marshal Boatwright

House Bill #1021 - Prohibits discharge of fireworks after midnight. passed 53-45 and is on its way to the Senate

House Bill #1064 - passed and is on its way to the Senate

House Bill #1131 - Mandatory reporting of work related injuries passed the house and is on its way to the Senate.

HB #1331 - State Flag being given to survivors of deceased officers, passed house is on its way to Senate.

HB - #1605 - Green lights on vehicles on its third reading.

Senate Bill #355 - Add Volunteer Fire Department to the list of qualified entities to enter into financing arrangements with a Bond Bank.

Bill 1335 - Allows SFO to provide hazardous materials and counter-terrorism training support and response assistance.

Senate Bill 216 - Statewide mutual aid program that allows city, town county or township to request assistance from another unit in managing disaster response. Passed Senate going to House.

Senate Bill #548 - Medical services establishes a detailed disciplinary process for offenses committed by certain certified individuals. Permits a collection of fees, creates an emergency medical services fund.

d. Fire Academy Study - No report at this time

e. FO I/II - Jerry Nulliner and Tom Hanify. Jerry and Tom met with Maynard Masters and a list of Strategy and Tactics Objectives were compiled. This list was given to the Board to look over. This list will be put on the agenda for the April meeting.

J. New Business

a. Rules Readoption - Tabled at this time.

b. Proposed language for 24 hour mandatory - Tabled until April 7 Board meeting.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.